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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

**FROM:** Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent 

**SUBJECT:** Holds and Recalls of Peanut Butter Products

### Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update regarding the various holds and recalls involving peanut butter products. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), no USDA commodity product is involved with these recalls or holds, but schools may have received some of these peanut butter products through commercial channels.

### Update

On January 19, 2009, the USDA sent the following message from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA):

*Because identification of products subject to recall is continuing, the FDA urges consumers to postpone eating commercially-prepared or manufactured peanut butter-containing products and institutionally-served peanut butter until further information becomes available about which products may be affected. Efforts to specifically identify those products are ongoing.*

### Action Needed

The Michigan Department of Education is encouraging you to monitor the following two FDA websites for information on the various Holds and Recalls regarding peanut butter and peanut butter containing products. The first website provides FDA updates/alerts regarding the salmonella outbreak and the second website contains information regarding the various hold and recall notices being announced by the companies:

<http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyph.html>

<http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.HTML>

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